IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Michael Snyder et al.

Application No.: 10/821,745 Group No.:1611

Filed: April 9, 2004 Examiner: Ghali, Isis A D

For: SUSTAINED RELEASE SURGICAL DEVICE AND METHOD OF MAKING AND USING

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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES (37 C.F.R. § 41.31)

Patent Owner hereby appeals to the Board from the decision of the Examiner, mailed November 7, 2008, finally rejecting claims11 and 21-24.

1. STATUS OF APPLICANT

This application is on behalf of a small entity.

2. FEE FOR FILING NOTICE OF APPEAL

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 41.20(b)(1), the fee for the Notice of Appeal is:

Small entity \$270.00

Notice of Appeal fee due \$270.00

EXTENSION OF TERM 3.

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R.1.136 apply.

Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

CERTIFICATION OF TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that, on the date shown below, this correspondence is being filed vis

Date: 1-6-09

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The total fee due is:

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6. FEE DEFICIENCY

If any additional extension and/or fee is required, and if any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 50-1097.

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